

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A receiver unit in a wireless communication system, comprising:

a signal detector operative to determine a metric for a data transmission hypothesized to have been received;

a threshold computation unit operative to determine a threshold for the hypothesized data transmission; and

a comparator operative to receive the metric and the threshold and provide an output indicating whether or not the data transmission is deemed to have been received.

20. (Previously Presented) The receiver unit of claim 19, wherein the threshold is determined based on received pilot symbols for the hypothesized data transmission.

21. (Previously Presented) The receiver unit of claim 20, wherein the threshold is further determined based on received data symbols for the hypothesized data transmission.

22. (Previously Presented) The receiver unit of claim 19, wherein the metric relates to signal energy of the hypothesized data transmission.

23. (Previously Presented) The receiver unit of claim 19, wherein the signal detector is operative to determine the metric based on a plurality of received signals for a plurality of antennas, and wherein the threshold computation unit is operative to determine the threshold based on the plurality of received signals.

24. (Previously Presented) A method of detecting data transmissions in a wireless multiple-access communication system, comprising:

first processing received data symbols for a data transmission hypothesized to have been received to provide remodulated symbols that are estimates of transmitted data symbols; and

second processing the received data symbols and the remodulated symbols to provide a detector output that indicates whether or not the data transmission is deemed to have been received.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the first processing includes demodulating the received data symbols to provide recovered symbols, decoding the recovered symbols to provide decoded data, and re-encoding the decoded data to provide the remodulated symbols.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

determining a threshold to use for the hypothesized data transmission, and wherein the detector output is further determined based on the threshold.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the second processing includes

determining a metric based on the received data symbols and the remodulated symbols, and

comparing the metric against the threshold, and wherein the detector output is based on the comparing.

28. (Previously Presented) A method of detecting data transmissions in a wireless multiple-access communication system, comprising:

determining a metric for a data transmission hypothesized to have been received;

determining a threshold for the hypothesized data transmission based on samples received for the hypothesized data transmission; and

comparing the metric against the threshold to provide an output indicating whether or not the data transmission is deemed to have been received.

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus in a wireless multiple-access communication system, comprising:

means for processing received data symbols for a data transmission hypothesized to have been received to provide remodulated symbols that are estimates of transmitted data symbols; and

means for processing the received data symbols and the remodulated symbols to provide a detector output that indicates whether or not the data transmission is deemed to have been received.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 29, further comprising:

means for demodulating the received data symbols to provide recovered symbols;

means for decoding the recovered symbols to provide decoded data; and

means for re-encoding the decoded data to provide the remodulated symbols.

31. (Previously Presented) An apparatus in a wireless multiple-access communication system, comprising:

means for determining a metric for a data transmission hypothesized to have been received;

means for determining a threshold for the hypothesized data transmission based on samples received for the hypothesized data transmission; and

means for comparing the metric against the threshold to provide an output indicating whether or not the data transmission is deemed to have been received.